(b) to (d) A Statement is attached.

Statement

Weaving on handlooms is after a supplementary activity. Government of India through State Government and through its own offices have gone into reports of the starvation and the extent of starvation of handloom weavers. A number of steps have been taken to ameliorate the lot of weavers hit by the hike in yarn prices. NHDC has been directed to augment its yarn supply specially in areas of shortages and difficulties. State Handloom Agencies have been released additional funds to ensure timely payment to weavers and to step up procurement in critical areas. Spinning industry has also been pursuaded to bring about a sobering trend in yarn prices.

Performance of NTC Mills in U.P.

343. DR. Z. A. AHMAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tetile mills in Uttar Pradesh managed by the National Textile Corporation;

(b) what is the financial performance of these mills;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to nationalise these mills; and

(d) if not, what is Government's plan with regard to the mills the take-over period of which is likely to be over in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) In addition to 9 nationalised units, the following 2 units are managed by National Textile Corporation in Uttar Pradesh:—

(i) Laxmirattan Cotton Mills, Kanpur.

(ii) Atherton Cotton Mills, Kanpur.

(b) The net loss incurred by these two mills during 1990-91 is given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the mill	1990-91—Net loss
Laxmirattan Cotton Mills	—13.41
Atherton Cotton Mills	—11.90

(c) and (d) The management of 2 units at Kanpur was taken over by the Central Government, pending nationalisation. A decision on the nationalisation of managed units under National Textile Corporation, including those at Kanpur, would be taken by the Government at the appropriate time after taking into account various relevant considerations.

Setting up of more washeries in Coal India Limited with the help of Private Sector

344. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated some steps to make the Coal India Limited as a viable commercial organisation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and also the outcome thereof so far; and

(c) whether Government have decided to build more washeries with the help of private sector?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) To make Coal India Limited a commercially viably organisation, it has been decided that coal will be released to

the Electricity Boards/Power Houses only on full payment in advance w.e.f. 1st October, 1991.

(c) No, Sir.

all in the Prices of Jute

345. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of raw jute have been falling since the middle of October this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this fall in the prices is attributed to the reduced procurement by Jute Corporation of India; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to stem the prices of raw jute upto a reasonable level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Comparative prices of raw jute are indicated below:—

(Rs. in quintals)

Area	Grade	Rate in mid October		Rate as on 14-11-91		
Assam	TD-5	390	..	440	375	.. 400
North Bengal	TD-5	450	..	460	400	.. 420
South Bengal	TD-5	410	..	450	403.50	.. 420
Orissa	W-5	420	..	430	384	.. 400

(c) The decline in prices of raw jute can be attributed to surplus availability and lack of demand caused low level of inventories maintained by jute mills due to their resource constraints. The resource constraints being faced by procurement agencies and traders have also led to reduced purchases which has caused bearish trend in the raw jute market.

(d) The JCI has been advised to tie up arrangements for supply of raw jute to jute mills in the public and private sectors to enable them to increase their market intervention which would help arrest the decline in prices. Government have also announced a quota for the export of 2 lakhs bales of raw jute which would help import a bullish trend to prices. Moreover, the purchase Centres of Jute Corporation of India Ltd. have been advised to purchase all the raw jute that is offered for sale at minimum support prices.

Modernisation of sick Mills

346. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 150 sick textile mills modernised during the last two years or undergoing modernisation this year have shown little sign of improved performance;

(b) if so, what are the names of the the textile mills, which are being modernised with the assistance under the Centres' Textiles Modernisation Fund Scheme state-wise; and